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Today's Topics:

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herein consists of personal comments and does not represent the official
policies or positions of any party. Your mileage may vary. So there.

Date: 21 Oct 1994 21:57:40 GMT
From: rfm@urth.eng.sun.com (Richard McAllister)
Subject: CW QSO Content

In article <382a72\$ena@sugar.NeoSoft.COM> mancini@sugar.NeoSoft.COM (Dr. Michael Mancini) writes:

>Something earned through sacrifice is valued much more than something
>unearned.

So, *that's* why breakins at the houses of rich people who inherited
their money is ignored by society, while breakins at the homes of
working people in the inner city are treated seriously. Thanks! I always
wondered why that was.

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Rich McAllister (rfm@eng.sun.com)

Date: 22 Oct 1994 05:20:43 GMT

From: gbrown@unlinfo.unl.edu (gregory brown)
Subject: New callsign cost?

Mike Staples (fa419@cleveland.Freenet.Edu) wrote:

: I understand that there is a fee for changing an existing call sign to
: a 'personalized' version. Is there a fee for a change of callsign if you
: just want to upgrade it to reflect your current license grade?

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: TNX!

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: Mike

No. Just request a callsign change on a "610" and send it to the FCC.
Check the callsign updates for your call area first, though. Depending
on your class and area, you may not get much of an "improvement".

Greg
WB0RTK

Date: 21 Oct 1994 17:41:13 -0700
From: rwilkins@ccnet.com (Bob Wilkins n6fri)
Subject: NoCal 00 goes after Packet BULLetins

This was found floating on the Amateur Packet BBS system. What do you think?

From : K7WWA@K7WWA.#NOCAL.CA.USA.NOAM
To : INFO@ALLUS

*** FLAME ON
*** I think this needs to be shared.
*** AB6GQ was licensed on 2 Jul 1991. He is now an Amateur Extra (?). He
*** sure must think his is something if he really started this one.
*** FLAME OFF

Original from AB6GQ to SYSOP@NCPA
Path: !KC6PJW!WX3K!WB0TAX!KA6EYH!KA6EYH!W6PW!KA6FUB!WA6RDH!KM6PX!

From : AB6GQ@KM6PX.#NOCAL.CA.USA.NOAM
To : SYSOP@NCPA

Hello dedicated SYSOPs. My name is Fred Sober, and I am the Official Observer Coordinator for the Sacramento Valley Section of the ARRL. I am sending this bulletin at the suggestion of some of the local BBS SYSOPs, who thought you should be aware of the following info:

Approximately one year ago, I initiated a series of correspondence with John B. Johnson, Chief of the Private Radio Bureau of the FCC. Due to the confusion of Amateur Radio Packet BBS users regarding the permissible message content of bulletins, and the growing tendency to abuse the system, we requested FCC clarification regarding the definition of "One-Way Bulletins" and "Bulletin Message Content" as it specifically applied to Amateur Packet Radio. The position of the FCC is as follows:

1. Any packet message or bulletin sent to ANYTHING other than another specific Amateur Callsign (EXCLUDING the callsign of the BBS) is considered to be a "One-Way Bulletin," and as such must comply with Part 97 in terms of permissible message content for such bulletins. Also stated was the definition of "anything" (above), which is such addressing as to ALL, ALLUS, ALLCA, Food, Drugs, Guns, or anything else, other than another specific amateur callsign.
2. The information sent MUST NOT BE INTENDED for anyone but other licensed Amateur. "Intent" is determined by "Message Content," not by the mental intent of the message originator.
3. The Information sent MUST BE RELATED TO, AND OF INTEREST TO AMATEUR RADIO OPERATORS ONLY!
4. Any Packet Bulletin which contains material which relates to anything not directly related to amateur radio, or of interest to amateur radio operators only, is considered to be "Broadcasting." This includes material on Cars, Guns, Politics, Food, Jokes, Current Events, etc. etc. etc.

In the above listing the emphasis was supplied by the FCC in the letter I have on file.

For further clarification you may refer to the "FCC Rule Book" published by the ARRL, (1993 Edition). On Pages 6-6 and 6-7 the topic of information bulletins on packet radio is discussed. The highlighted section in the box is a paraphrase of the letters I have on file from the FCC.

Upon notifying the ARRL Rules Department of this Clarification, they made the determination that the abuses in this regard were] so widely spread and prevalent, that the League and the Official

Observers needed to undertake an educational effort regarding this ruling, prior to beginning a notification effort on the individual offenders. This would prevent an overwhelming overload of the 00 Program.

Some BBS SYSOPS, such as KM6PX, upon learning of this clarification voluntarily and unilaterally decided to set the clarified standards as the operating standard for their BBS's. They began editing and deleting any bulletin traffic which did not comply with the above.

Technically, with the latest rulings by the FCC, the BBS SYSOP is jointly responsible for violations of Part 97, by operators which originate a bulletin through their BBS into the system.

Technically, the FCC can at any time begin issuing NAL's to the Operators and SYSOPS for any bulletins in violation of the above.

Practically, I do not know when the 00 Notices and NAL's may start being issued, but it behooves you as a BBS SYSOP to be aware of the current rulings and facts, and hopefully to be in compliance prior to any notification or enforcement actions being taken.

73, keep up the good work! Fred Sober, AB6GQ

*** Yes, Fred, keep up the good work. I'm glad that you are doing all

*** that you can to make Amateur radio packet boring.

*** 73 George K7WWA @ K7WWA.#NOCAL.CA.USA.NOAM

Bob

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Reply-To: jeffrey@math.hawaii.edu

Subject: Re: CW: Law or Choice ?

dismondo@metronet.com (Ray Whitfield) writes:

>CW once was the only game in town.

>Now it is a part of the game, and one that is loosing popularity daily.

>KC5ISS

Ray, can you provide us with some data to back up your statement?

At least when I claim that about 1/2 the HF QSO's that I hear here in the Central Pacific are conducted via CW, I can back up that claim by showing folks my monitoring log with times, dates, and bands.

Jeff NH6IL

Date: 22 Oct 1994 05:16:28 GMT

From: gbrown@unlinfo.unl.edu (gregory brown)

References<19940ct19.113659.11823@ke4zv.atl.ga.us> <CxyJC0.Lvx@news.Hawaii.Edu>,
<19940ct20.120843.17532@ke4zv.atl.ga.us>

Subject: Re: Kindness and ham radio

: In article <CxyJC0.Lvx@news.Hawaii.Edu> jeffrey@math.hawaii.edu wrote:

: >Hey Gary, why is it that here on .policy you condemn HF ops who exchange
: >QSL cards by calling them 'post card collectors' yet on .misc it's FB to
: >exchange them for DX repeater contacts?

: Because DXers collect them for *score*, IE they aren't interested
: in the card or the person they contacted, only in counting coup.
: The folks exchanging cards for repeater contacts aren't going for
: score, repeater contacts don't count in DX games, they're just using
: the card for it's original purpose, as a memento of a communication
: with another person.

: I object to the gaming, and the corruption of the original purposes
: of the QSL card, not the exchange of QSL cards per se.

: Gary

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: Gary Coffman KE4ZV

Gary, you continue to paint a black and white senario of everything you see and pretend to understand..."DXers" feel _this_ way..."Repeater operators" feel _that_ way.... It must be great to pigeon-hole the rest of the world into "the good-guys" and "the bad guys", as if everyone in your defined groups share every attribute you wish to assign them. _Some_ DXers fit your definition. So what? Many (most) do not. I read every card I get, and especially enjoy the ones which tell about the operator, the place, or whatever...as my cards do. That's what it is all about. I also enjoy contests and "gaming". Who the Hell are you to judge other people or other interests, anyway?

Your repertoire seems quite limited. Sometimes, if one repeats himself enough times, people begin to believe him. Other times, people just get tired of hearing the same old stuff, and wonder why he can't find something else to say. Guess what...?

Greg
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